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TO:

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FROM:

Ernest & Johnson

Director

Utilities Division

THRU:

Matthew Rowell

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Utilities Division

DATE:

May 11, 2004

RE:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NETWORKS, LLC REQUESTING CANCELLATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE RESOLD INTEREXCHANGE, FACILITIES-BASED INTEREXCHANGE, RESOLD LOCAL AND FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN

ARIZONA. (DOCKET NO. T-03987A-04-0156)

Attached is the amended Staff Report of the application of El Paso Global Networks Company for cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N"). Staff recommends cancellation of the CC&N.

Originator: Adam Lebrecht

Attachment: Original and Sixteen Copies

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STAFF REPORT UTILITIES DIVISION ARIZONA CORPRATION COMMISSION

EL PASO NETWORKS, LLC DOCKET NO. T-03987A-04-0156

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NETWORKS, LLC COMPANY FOR CANCELLATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN ARIZONA

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The amended Staff Report for El Paso Network, LLC, Docket No T-03987A-04-0156, was the responsibility of the staff member listed below. Adam Lebrecht was responsible for the review and analysis of the Company's application to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

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Background

On August 6, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63930, originally granted a CC&N to El Paso Networks, LLC ("El Paso Networks") to provide resold long distance, facilities-based long distance, resold local exchange and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in Arizona.

El Paso requests Commission approval to discontinue its authority to provide resold long distance, facilities-based long distance, resold local exchange and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services, abandon its CC&N and revoke its tariff in Arizona.

On March 30, 2004, Commission Staff ("Staff") filed a Staff Report recommending approval of El Paso Network's request to discontinue its authority to provide these services and revoke its tariff in Arizona. On April 19, 2004, a Procedural Order was issued ordering Staff to file an amended Staff Report which addresses whether or not A.A.C. rule R14-2-1107 is applicable in this matter. This amended Staff Report addresses whether or not A.A.C. R14-2-1107 is applicable in this matter and includes Staff's recommendations concerning El Paso Network's request to cancel its CC&N and revoke its tariff in Arizona.

Staff Analysis

El Paso Networks filed its application to cancel its CC&N on March 1, 2004. El Paso Networks is no longer providing resold long distance, facilities-based long distance, resold local exchange or facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in Arizona and has no customers.

Consumer Services Staff has indicated that there are no open complaints, inquiries or opinions concerning El Paso Networks. El Paso Networks has informed Staff that all customer deposits and/or prepayments were reimbursed to the customers prior to its request to cancel its CC&N. Consequently, there is no risk that an advance, deposit and/or prepayment of funds from Arizona customers would be lost by canceling El Paso Network's CC&N.

Because El Paso Networks has no customers, the rules related to the discontinuance of local service described in R14-2-1107 of the Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") are not applicable.

Since there are numerous other carriers offering similar services, Staff believes granting this application for cancellation of El Paso Networks's CC&N is in the public interest.

Upon cancellation of its CC&N, El Paso Networks will no longer be authorized to provide resold long distance, facilities-based long distance, resold local exchange or facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in Arizona and therefore, will no longer be subject to the requirements of Decision No. 63930.

Recommendations

Staff recommends the cancellation of El Paso's CC&N.

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1 BEFORE THE ARIZON REGRATION COMMISSION RECEIVED 2 COMMISSIONERS 3 MARC SPITZER, Chairman 2004 APR 19 P 1: 10 VZ CORPORATION COMMISSIO WILLIAM A. MUNDELL JEFF HATCH-MILLER DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AZ CORP COMMISSION MIKE GLEASON DOCUMENT CONTROL 5 KRISTIN K. MAYES 6 DOCKET NO.T-03987A-04-0156 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NETWORKS, LLC FOR CANCELLATION 7 OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NECESSITY. 8 9 BY THE COMMISSION: 10 In Decision No. 63930 (August 6, 2001), the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") granted to El Paso Networks, LLC ("El Paso" or "Applicant") a Certificate of 11 12 Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate" or "CC&N") authorizing it to provide resold long distance, 13 facilities-based long distance, resold local and facilities-based local exchange services in Arizona. 14 On March 1, 2004, Applicant filed with the Commission an application to cancel its 15 Certificate. 16 On March 30, 2004, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Staff Report in this 17 matter. The Staff Report did not mention whether or not A.A.C. R14-2-1107 was applicable in this 18 matter. 19 Accordingly, since El Paso's Certificate included authorization to be a resold local and 20 facilities-based local exchange service provider, Staff should address whether or not A.A.C. R14-2-21 1107 is applicable in this case. 22 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Staff shall file an amended Staff Report that addresses 23 the applicability of A.A.C. R14-2-1107 in this matter on or before May 14, 2004. 24 DATED this day of April, 2004 25 26 27 PHILIP J. DION III

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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